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VALLEY CENTER FRIENDS OF LIBRARY PRESENT SERIES ON LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS

Gerald Slusser's Six Week Course Explores Legends and Historical Evidence

Beginning on Saturday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., the Valley Center Friends of the Library will host a six-week lecture series about the life and times of Jesus, presented by Dr. Gerry Slusser, President of the Friends of the Valley Center Library and retired professor of theology and education.

The course takes place at the Valley Center Branch of the San Diego County Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. The series ends on December 18.

Slusser gives an overview of the course:

Jesus was a person whose life and teachings have inspired and guided hundreds of millions of people. He is too often known mainly by the legendary stories of the Christian Gospels. Today, thanks to careful scholarship, we can filter out much of the Gospels' window dressing and see more of the real Jesus, as well as his teachings.

Course participants will hear how the early Church's record of Jesus and his teachings was influenced by its contemporary problems, and how the Church often answered in defensive terms, making Jesus sound more like a Roman ruler than the simple man he was. The purpose of this course is to present as accurately as possible what is known of Jesus' actual life and teachings.

Each Saturday session will last 1 to 1.5 hours. Slusser recommends, but does not require, that participants read, *The Gospel According to Jesus: A New Translation and Guide to His Essential Teachings*, by Stephen Mitchell.

Registration can be done in person at the library or by phone: (760) 749-1305.

The Valley Center Branch Library is located at: 29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center.

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